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**COMPOSITION AND METHODS OF PROMOTING HAIR GROWTH**  
**ABSTRACT**

The present invention provides compositions and methods for  
5 promoting hair growth. The methods generally comprise the administration to a  
patient of a therapeutically effective amount of the compositions of the present  
invention which employ a vasodilator in combination with estradiol and/or a 5- $\alpha$ -  
reductase inhibitor in a pharmaceutically acceptable vehicle. The compositions and  
methods of the present invention are suitable for the treatment of baldness, in  
10 particular, male pattern baldness.